

SPIRITS IN A LAW SUIT

Beliefs of a Millionaire Tobaccoist Touched Up in Court. HE OFTEN SAW HIS DEAD CHILD.

One of His Companions Tells How It Used to Affect Him.

EFFORT TO BREAK A RICH MAN'S WILL

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.) NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The belief of John Anderson, the millionaire tobaccoist, in spiritual manifestations was a subject of inquiry today in the action of his daughter, Mrs. Laura V. Appleton, to recover a fifth interest in the site of the Plaza Hotel, which was part of his estate.

It recalled the action of Mrs. Mary Mand Watson, a grandchild of the deceased, which was tried in 1887, and in which similar evidence was adduced. Mrs. Watson also sued to recover a fifth interest in the same property, and recovered judgment, by which the will of Mr. Anderson was declared invalid. She settled for \$200,000, paid by John Charles Anderson, who by the will obtained the bulk of the estate.

When the defense offered the will of John Anderson in evidence today, to show that the site was willed to John Charles Anderson, the plaintiff's counsel objected, arguing that the New York Life Insurance Company, the present owner of the property, had bought subject to her claim, and had used this cloud upon the title to prevent other bids at the sale in foreclosure at which the company had bought the property for \$225,000, whereas Mrs. Watson's \$1,200,000. Justice Patterson, however, admitted the will.

Objections Paid for With Hard Cash. William G. Cloutier, who had been guardian of the grandchild, Amanda Bryant, testified in rebuttal that he and Charles H. Glover, guardian for Agnes Bryant, had filed objections to the probate of the will of Anderson which was presented for probate at White Plains, but the objections had been withdrawn on payment of \$180,000 by John Charles Anderson. He said Mrs. Kate Connor, who had lived with Anderson, refused to testify in court in his estate. Mrs. Appleton had received the income of \$50,000 under the will from 1881 to 1887.

Edith McCloskey, of Brooklyn, who had also been a witness in the suit of Mrs. Watson, testified that he had been Anderson's companion and real estate agent, at a salary of \$2,500 a year. He had known Anderson from 1871, but was not employed by him until 1893. Anderson was then living at his residence on Fifth avenue. They were going down to the city on one of the days in 1893, when Anderson recounted the story of his life. He said he was born in 1812 and had worked at several occupations, including that of mason and bricklayer for a Mr. Appleton, who after a great fire of 1833, gave him money to start a cigar stand on Wall street, near Broadway.

When asked about the conversation he had with Mr. Anderson at the latter's home in 1898, the witness said he could not describe it while women were in the court room. Mrs. Appleton went out into the corridor.

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